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9 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Selection of Chairman, Guided Missile and
Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC)

BRIEFING NOTES

1. At the USIB meeting of 4 April 1962, Gen. Breitweiser suggested that the Board members be furnished a paper on the selection of a Chairman for the GMAIC similar to the one prepared for the SIGINT Committee. Accordingly, the Coordination Staff has prepared the attached memorandum containing a discussion of the mode of operation of the GMAIC and recommended criteria for the selection of a Chairman.

2. This Committee is assisted by eight working groups in the fields of missile deployment, production, missile systems, technical contributions, anti-missile missiles, guidance to collectors, ad hoc missile terminology and Nth country missile developments.

3. Without prejudicing future changes in the operation and procedures of the GMAIC, the memorandum proposes that:

a. The present mode of operation of the GMAIC be continued with its headquarters and staff housed in the Pentagon.

b. The Chairman be selected for full-time duty on the basis of personal qualifications including technical knowledge and practical experience in the guided missile and astronautics fields.

4. I believe that a full-time Chairman of a USIB Committee should be made responsible to the Chairman of the USIB and the effectiveness reports of the Committee Chairman should be signed by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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The members agreed to review the nominations for chairmanship of GMAIC which had been circulated previously (USIB-D-33.3/1) or tabled at the meeting and further consider this matter, including any additional nominations, at the next Board meeting. In response to a suggestion by General Breitweiser, the Chairman indicated that he would arrange for Board members to be provided with an appropriate background paper regarding GMAIC and the chairmanship of that Committee along the lines of General Blamer's recent memorandum about the SIGINT Committee (USIB-D-27.2/1, 23 March).

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